

Application No. 10/098,683
Reply to Office Action dated September 14, 2005
Reply to Office Action of April 12, 2005

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 54-103 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ray has been overcome.

Applicant submits that independent claims 54 and 79 are patentable and that dependent claims 55-78 and 80-103 dependent from one of independent claims 54 and 79, or claims dependent therefrom, are patentable at least due to their dependency from an allowable independent claim.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are patentable. Therefore, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider the outstanding rejections in view of the preceding comments. Issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1068.

Respectfully submitted,

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